

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled BIODEGRADABLE SURGICAL IMPLANTS AND DEVICES, the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on September 6, 1994, as application Serial No. 08/304,082, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application under 37 CFR 1.56(a). I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on the present invention, filed before the application(s) in which priority is claimed.

FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, REFERRED TO ABOVE			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Finland	885164	November 10, 1988	YES <u>XX</u> NO ____
	PCT/FI89/00204	November 7, 1989	YES <u>XX</u> NO ____
			YES ____ NO ____

I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any U.S. application(s) listed below. If the subject matter of any claim(s) of this application is not disclosed in the prior U.S. application(s) as required by paragraph one of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge a duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) regarding occurrences between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true. All statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Note: Please sign one full given name and your surname, using initials where appropriate for other names. It is important that the name be consistent throughout the application papers. Signing of an application more than five weeks prior to filing or an undated application is not acceptable to the Patent and Trademark Office except for receiving an initial filing date.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, Martti Talja, Pertti Törmälä, Pentti Rokkanen, Seppo Vainionpää and Timo Pohjonen, whose addresses are Rautakankareenkatu 1, SF-15950 Lahti, Finland, Runeberginkatu 3 A 1, SF-33710 Tampere, Finland, Marjaniemenranta 29, SF-00930 Helsinki, Finland, Orapihlajatie 21-27 B 12, SF-00320 Helsinki, Finland, and Mekaniikanpolku 18 B 19, SF-33720 Tampere, Finland have invented certain new and useful improvements in "BIODEGRADABLE SURGICAL IMPLANTS AND DEVICES" for which an Application for United States Letters Patent was executed on May 15, June 4, May 17, May 31, June 17 of 1991 respectively.

AND WHEREAS, Biocon Oy, whose address is Runeberginkatu 3 A 1, SF-33710 Tampere, Finland has been desirous of acquiring in and for the United States, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Biocon Oy the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention in and for the United States, and Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Biocon Oy, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which the Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made: and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the Letters Patent to Biocon Oy in accordance with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand

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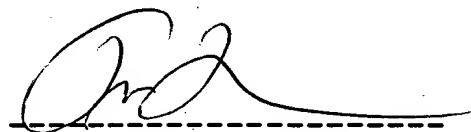


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